

Appln. No. 10/759,396

Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment dated September 15, 2004

Reply to Office Action dated August 17, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 is amended and claims 2-6 are canceled. Following entry of the present amendment, claims 1 and 7-20 will be pending. Support for the present amendment is found in the specification and claims as filed. Entry of the amendment prior to substantive examination is earnestly solicited in an effort to facilitate a search that will not be burdensome for the Examiner. In particular, the claims have been focused on compounds of Formulas II-VI.

Applicants believe no new matter is present in any portion of the preliminary amendment and respectfully request that the amendment be entered for substantive examination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for substantive review on their merits.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5014.

Respectfully submitted,



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